

Metros win, face Junior Lancers

DES MOINES — The Sioux City Metros earned the right to meet the ultimate challenge in the Iowa High School Hockey League State Tournament Friday by beating the Omaha Gladiators, 4-2, in a first-round game Friday.

The Metros of Coach Jim Peck moved into today's semifinals against the Omaha Junior Lancers, the league's best team with a 24-1-1 regular-season record.

Summary

First period: No scoring. *Penalties:* Persinger, SC, 4:35; Frette, SC, 14:25.

Second period: 1, Sioux City — Clint Stiles (Jeff Kempler, Matt Andrews) 6:24. 2, Sioux City — Kyle Worner (Trent Mozak, Jason Augustine) 13:27. *Penalties:* Jensen, SC, 6:31; Collette, OG, 6:31; Mozak, SC, 10:42.

Third period: 3, Sioux City — Matt Andrews (Stiles, Kempler) 2:28. 4, Omaha — Brett Duncan (Kent Johnson) 5:10. 5, Omaha — Luke Barker (Jake Maher) 6:27. 6, Sioux City — Chresten Jensen (Walt Johnson, Mark Munger) 14:18. *Penalties:* None.

Score by periods:

Sioux City.....	0	2	2	—	4
Omaha Gladiators.....	0	0	2	—	2

Shots on goal:

Sioux City.....	9	8	11	—	28
Omaha Gladiators.....	7	10	7	—	24

Goaltenders: Damon Keith, Sioux City; Joel Ruegg, Omaha.

Referee: Rick Kemp. Linesmen: Dan White, Todd Janoucek.

Attendance: N/A.

The Junior Lancers gunned down the Kansas City Junior Blades Friday, 11-6.

The Metros, who were 15-11 in league play to finish behind the Lancers and Gladiators (17-9), had lost the first two regular-season meetings with the Gladiators, but have now won three straight.

In other games Friday, Waterloo beat St. Joseph, Mo., 7-1, but then lost to Des Moines in a night game, 2-0.

Kansas City defeated Ames, 4-2, in its game Friday.

In other early game Friday, Mason City nicked Dubuque in overtime, 3-2.

The tournament championship game is a 3:30 Sunday. If the Metros lose to the Junior Lancers, they

would play in consolation contest at 1 p.m. Sunday.

All tournament games are being played at Hitchcock Park Arena.

Friday, after a scoreless first period, Clint Stiles and Kyle Worner scored second-period goals for the Metros.

The Metros increased their lead to 3-0 on a goal by Matt Andrews at 2:28 of the third period.

The Gladiators scored the next two goals, but Chresten Jensen sent home the clinching goal with 32 seconds left in the game for the Metros.